**Grade 8**

**Ideas for the Water Theme**

1. March 22 is World Water Day, so grade 8 teachers will follow one of the mini water lesson plans on Water.org to raise awareness of the shortage of water in many under-developed countries.

<http://static.water.org/docs/curriculums/WaterOrg%20MidCurric10.pdf>

1. As a part of their responsibility projects, grade 8 students create their own newspapers to show the consequences of irresponsibility. Water will be the theme of the newspapers in March.
2. We have a chapter called Global Issues in Solutions, so while covering it, we will focus on water more this year.
3. Regarding the water issue in Turkey, students could debate the pros and cons of the GAP project.

<http://www.gap.gov.tr/english>

1. We can also start something similar below if we can get support from school : <http://thewaterproject.org/thewaterchallenge.asp>

**Give it Up**  
Make water your only beverage...for 2 weeks.

**Collect Your Savings**  
Take the money you would have spent on soda, juice, sports drinks, bottled water etc., and put it aside to give clean water. Collect your savings in a cup wrapped with a "The Water Challenge" label.

**Wear your wristband**  
It'll help you remember to choose water and to spread the word.



**Continue your sacrifice for 2 weeks.**  
If you are heading toward the soda machine, head for the water fountain instead. If your family goes out to dinner and you usually order iced tea, ask for water. It's free. You'll be amazed at how the savings add up. Encourage your whole family to participate.

**Give it Away**  
After 2 weeks, calculate the amount of money saved by your sacrifice and **give water through The Water Project, Inc**. It will be used to drill new water wells in Kenya, Sierra Leone, Sudan or India...you choose!

1. Water is powerful. Floods destroy many cities and people's lives all around the world every year. We can show the documentary "Nature's Fury" to students and have them fill in a KWL chart. After that we can make another chart to talk about cause and effect.
2. <http://www.freepoverty.com/> A game to test one’s knowledge of the world and to donate fresh water to people in need.